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(U) San Bernardino – Cal State San Bernardino Student Housing Complex Evacuated After Bomb Scare

(U) A student housing complex near Cal State San Bernardino was evacuated yesterday afternoon after a possible bomb threat that has since been cleared, according to the San Bernardino Police Department. Officers responded to the Glen Housing Complex after a student resident made multiple concerning statements to his family and mental health workers. The student initially let officers into his room, where they saw what appeared to be military-grade ordnance. The student said the ordnance was inert but refused to let officers search his home further. Police then evacuated several units in the building and obtained a search warrant. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's bomb and arson unit responded to the scene and searched the dormitory with negative results. The student was taken for a mental health evaluation.

SOURCE: 20 February 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) San Diego – Drugs and a Weapon Found in College Gymnasium Locker

(U) Authorities seized cocaine and a weapon from a gym locker at San Diego State University on yesterday, according to federal agents. The discovery at the Aztec Recreation Center came as part of a joint investigation between the Drug Enforcement Administration and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, DEA Special Agent Amy Roderick said. She said authorities seized prescription drugs, cocaine and a weapon from the locker. A 25-year-old San Diego man was arrested on suspicion of drug-related charges yesterday as part of the ongoing investigation.

SOURCE: 20 February 2018, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) Whittier – Los Angeles County High School Shooting Plot Thwarted

(U) Authorities announced that they have thwarted a disgruntled student's plan to carry out a mass shooting at a high school in Whittier. An on-campus security officer at El Camino High School overheard the student threaten to shoot up the school and alerted deputies Friday, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Investigators seized a collection of weapons and ballistic evidence from the student's home, authorities said. A news conference is scheduled for later today.

SOURCE: 20 February 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Attorney General Sessions Forms Cyber Task Force after Election Warnings

(U) Washington – US Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced yesterday plans to create a task force to examine how the Justice Department can better combat global cyber threats, including efforts to interfere with elections or damage critical infrastructure. Last week, leaders of US intelligence agencies warned that Russia will try to interfere in the 2018 midterm elections in November. The task force, composed of representatives from different branches of the Justice Department, including the FBI will examine use of the internet to spread violent ideologies and recruit followers, how hackers breach private corporate and government data, and law enforcement challenges posed by strong encryption.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) Maryland – AR-15 Found in Home of Maryland Teen Who Brought Handgun to School**

(U) Germantown – Police in Maryland found an AR-15 styled rifle, a shotgun, two handguns, ammunition and a tactical vest at the home of an 18-year-old honor roll student who police say last week brought a loaded 9mm handgun to school. Officers also discovered that the suspect — Alwin Chen, a student at Clarksburg High School in Montgomery County — had previously brought the same handgun to school and had compiled a list of grievances against students in the school. The precise motive and overall thinking of Chen remains unclear, as detectives and prosecutors continue to investigate the case. Chen is charged with possession of a handgun, possession of a firearm by a person under 21 and possession of a firearm on school property.

SOURCE: 20 February 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) Virginia – MS-13 Targeted Man for Murder because of Social Media Post

(U) Leesburg – Members of the Transnational Criminal Organization MS-13 are believed to have targeted 18-year-old Carlos Otero Henriquez for murder because he posted photos of himself flashing gang signs on Facebook and told friends he was a member of the 18th Street gang. At trial, the accused killer, Wilmar Javier Viera Gonzalez, a top Virginia MS-13 leader testified that MS-13 is always patrolling the area to make sure it's clean of enemies. Before his arrest, Viera Gonzalez commanded a Northern Virginia chapter of MS-13 called Virginia Locos Salvatrucha and was in charge of the state for a larger group called the East Coast Program. He has testified against six former subordinates, joining two other MS-13 members involved in the murder, who hope their cooperation will get them out of prison before their own deaths. The trial is expected to conclude this week.

SOURCE: 21 February 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Indonesia – Indonesia Authorities Seize Record 1.6 Tons of Crystal Methamphetamine**

(U) Jakarta — Indonesia seized a record 1.6 tons of crystal methamphetamine from a ship off the northern island of Batam yesterday, the second major drug bust this month, a narcotics official said. President Joko Widodo's government has cracked down on trafficking in an effort to contain soaring consumption of crystal meth and other narcotics. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) estimates that Southeast Asia's trade in methamphetamines and heroin was worth \$31 billion in 2013.

SOURCE: 20 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – Mexico Asks Rome for Criminal Background Check on Missing Italians

(U) Mexico City — Mexican authorities said yesterday they had asked Rome for a criminal background check on six Italian citizens, after three of them went missing in the western Mexican state of Jalisco in late January 2018, allegedly at the hands of local police. The attorney general's office in Jalisco said at least one of the Italians was arrested three years ago in the tourist beach resort of Cancun, but gave no details. On Monday, authorities said they were investigating whether police in Jalisco participated in the reported disappearance of the three Naples natives, who had been detained at a gasoline station in the state's southern municipality of Tecalitlan.

SOURCE: 20 February 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – Pima County Supervisors Vote to Accept \$1.4M Operation Stonegarden Grant**

(U) Tucson – Pima County Board of Supervisors reversed its early February 2018 decision to reject a \$1.4 million federal border-security grant that covers overtime, mileage and equipment costs for the County

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Sheriff's Department. The Operation Stonegarden Program is intended to encourage collaboration between local and federal law enforcement agencies like the Border Patrol. County Supervisors approved the grant but asked that approval come with conditions, such as a new grant coordinating process be established for federal money like Stonegarden, that financial impacts on other elements of the criminal-justice system be tracked, and that a formal policy regarding deputy interactions with federal agents be developed.

SOURCE: 20 February 2018, [Arizona Daily Star](#)

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